

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,949,351 to Hahm (“Hahm”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,410,326 to Goldstein (“Goldstein”). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hahm in view of Goldstein as applied to claim 1 and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,450 to Darbee et al. Applicant has herein amended claims 1 and 7 and has canceled claims 3, 4, and 6. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully traverses the claim rejections as follows.

Applicant submits that neither Hahm nor Goldstein teach or suggest all of the elements of independent claims 1 and 7. For example, Applicant submits that neither Hahm nor Goldstein teach or suggest, among other things, “a feedback device … comprising … a housing[,] … wherein the housing … is adapted to be attached to a universal remote control device that is used to control the electronic device” as claimed in claim 1. Likewise, Applicant submits that neither Hahm nor Goldstein teach or suggest, among other things, “[a] feedback device attached to an electronic device … comprising … a housing[,] … wherein the housing is adapted to be attached to the electronic device” as claimed in claim 7.

Hahm discloses a remote control device that has “a single controlling apparatus.” *See* Hahm, col. 1, lines 51-58 and Figure 1. Goldstein discloses a programmable bi-directional universal remote control device in which the functions are all located within a common housing. *See* Goldstein, Figure 1. Neither device is a separate, standalone device, that has a housing that is adapted to be attached to either a universal remote control device or an electronic device as claimed in claims 1 and 7, respectively. Thus, Applicant submits that neither Hahm nor Goldstein teach or suggest all of the elements of independent claims 1 and 7.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 7, and dependent claims 2 and 5, and 8-10, which depend therefrom, respectively, are patentable over the cited references on their own merits and by virtue of their dependence on allowable independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims in the present application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner's concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

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